THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indiian Airlines is presently facing shortage in aircraft capacity, and as such is operating Boeing 737 services on Bombay/Ahmedabad/Patna/Kanpur/Calcutta in the afternoon hours. Due to non-availability of night-landing facilities it is not possible to operate via Indore. However, Indian Airlines will consider operating via Indore, when adequate infrastructural facilities and additional aircraft capacity are made available.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Air links between city-pairs are provided depending on the traffic-potential. The present traffic-potential between the cities in Madhya Pradesh and cities in Eastern or Southern parts of the country does not justify an air-link. As and when the traffic potential improves, Indian Airlines would consider such air links between city-pairs.

Construction of a Hotal in Madhya Pradesh by Hotel Corporation of India

1924. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Hotel Corporation of India propose to construct a hotel in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Hotel Corporation of India while selecting places for construction of hostels, besides the issue of commercial viability, also takes into account factors like tourist potential and the historical imprtance of the places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Hotel Corporation of India is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air-India. Therefore, while selecting places for construction of hotels, the primary objective is to ensure that Air-India's business as an air carrier will be supported and enhanced.

Defective engines of Airbus A-320 aircraft

1925. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that engines of Airbus A-320 aircraft proposed to be purchased by Indian Airlines are repored to be defective;

(b) whether Government are aware that Lufthansa Airlines have expressed doubt about the efficiency of the engines of Airbus A-320;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider its decision regarding the purchase of this aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) V-2500 engine which will be fitted on A-320 Airbus aircraft to be acquired by Indian Airlines is still under development.

(b) While there are some press reports to the effect that Lufthansa-Air lines may be reconsidering